



GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE

1st Annual Monitoring Forum

*Focuses: Coastal nutrient criteria;
Improving data comparability*

3-6 June 2008

**Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
333 1st Street South; St. Petersburg, FL 33701-4342**

GOALS: The annual Monitoring Forum is an opportunity for those involved in Gulf of Mexico monitoring to exchange ideas and to update each other on monitoring efforts and technology.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA:

Tues. 3 June ***Presentations***

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| Morning | Plenary: Topics of general interest |
| Afternoon | Simultaneous sessions:
Harmful Algal Blooms
Microbial Source Tracking
Coastal and Estuarine Monitoring and Criteria |
| Evening | Poster social |

Wed. 4 June ***Workshops***

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| Morning | A. Nutrient Sources, Fate and Transport- Gulf Alliance Nutrient Study-Design Workshop #2
B. Field measurements and sampling QA/QC; classroom session |
| Afternoon | A. Gulf Alliance Nutrient Study-Design Workshop #2 (continued)
B. Field measurements and sampling QA/QC; field session |

Thurs. 5 June ***Workshops***

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| Morning | A. Gulf Alliance Nutrient Study-Design Workshop #2 (concluded)
B. Training by Vendors (tentative) |
| Afternoon | FL Dept. of Environ. Protection, Nutrient Criteria in Estuaries workshop |

Fri. 6 June ***Workshops***

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| Morning | FL Dept. of Environ. Protection, Nutrient Criteria in Estuaries workshop (continued) |
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REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Registration by May 16, 2008, is required for attendance. Submission of abstracts for poster and oral presentations are due May 2. Submit both forms to **Linda Sedlacek** (Linda.Sedlacek@dep.state.fl.us). **Limit your abstracts to 250 words or less.** There is no registration fee.

Registration documents and additional information are available at the Gulf Alliance website: www2.nos.noaa.gov/gomex/

HOTEL INFORMATION: Room rates are \$98 per night plus \$10 for internet per day and \$10 for parking per day. A room block has been reserved. To make reservations at this rate, call (727) 894-5000 after March 31 and ask for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance block. Reservations must be made by **April 30th 2008.**